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**Subject:** Strong Relationship with Canada Remains Critically Important; Offshore Wind Ramps Up in Northeast; CO2 emissions from US power sector down 28%; Commissioners Discuss PFAS

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***Governor Phil Scott: “Strong Relationship with Canada Remains Critically Important”***



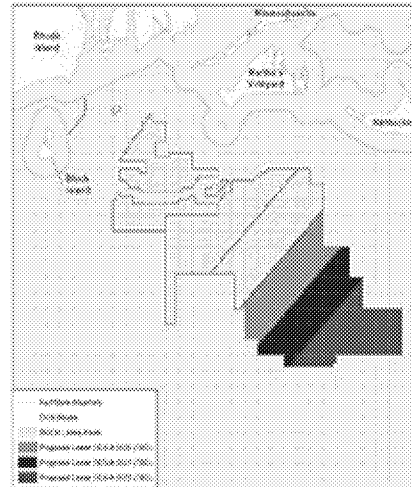
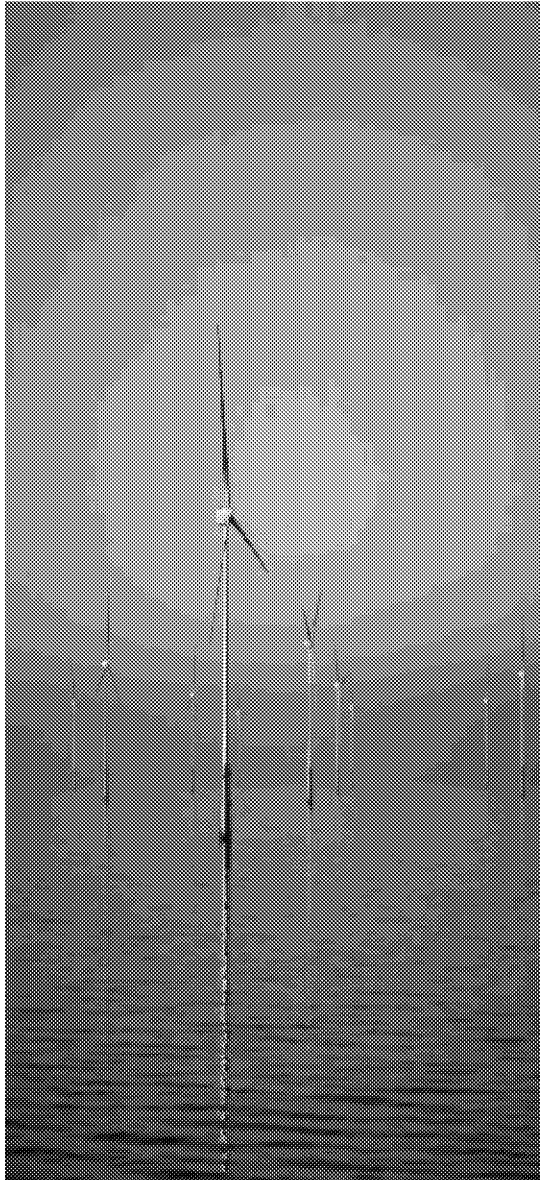
In the Northeastern United States, the relationship with our neighbors in Canada is a vital part of our economy and culture. For more than two centuries, we've grown together.

Since 1993, Canada has been the U.S.'s fifth-largest source of foreign capital. We've seen a boom in travel and tourism: By 2011, Canadians were making 21 million trips to the U.S. and spending \$24 billion – every year.

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### ***Offshore Wind Energy Ramps Up in Northeast***



### ***Proposed Commercial Wind Leases Offshore Massachusetts***

The Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management will hold an auction for proposed commercial wind leases offshore Massachusetts in December for nearly 390,000 acres. The area being considered has the potential for approximately 4.1 gigawatts of commercial wind generation.

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### ***Ørsted Acquires Deepwater Wind***

Denmark's largest energy company, Ørsted, has agreed to purchase Rhode Island based Deepwater Wind through an agreement with D.E. Shaw Group for \$510 million. The transaction is expected to be completed by the end of 2018. The name of the new organization will be Ørsted US Offshore Wind.

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U.S. electric power carbon dioxide emissions (2000-2017)  
million metric tons (MMmt) of carbon dioxide

Year	Carbon Dioxide Emissions (MMmt)
2005	2,416
2009	2,144
2017	2,043

**By Lana Bluege, Regional Program Coordinator  
Coalition of Northeastern Governors**

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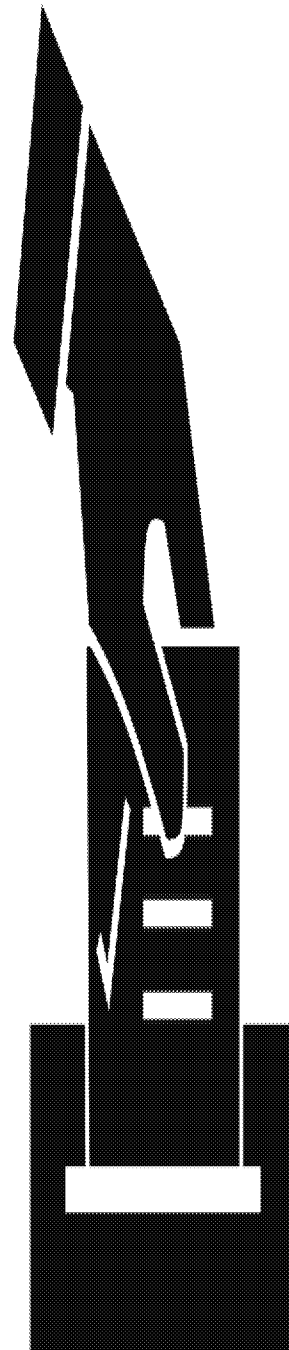


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Seated (Left to Right): Janet Coll (Director, RI DEM), Alexandra Duan (Regional Administrator, EPA Region II), Stephanie Cooper (Deputy Commissioner, MA DEP), Julie Moore (Secretary, Vermont ANR).

## 2018 Ballot Measures

There are over a dozen ballot measures in the Northeast states for the upcoming general election. A measure in Connecticut includes a transportation lock box amendment that would prohibit lawmakers from using the state transportation fund for anything other than transportation purposes. Maine has a transportation bond measure on the ballot that would support authorizing \$106 million in general obligation bonds for transportation infrastructure projects. In Rhode Island, there is an Environment, Recreation, and Water Infrastructure Bond measure that would authorize \$47.3 million in bonds for environmental, water, and recreational projects.



## ***News from the States***

***Connecticut***

***New York***

[Gov. Malloy Announces Completion of New Train Station in Berlin Serving the Hartford Line](#)

[CTDOT announces completion of a second rail track on the CTRAIL Hartford line between Hartford and Windsor](#)

### ***Massachusetts***

[Vineyard Wind signs \\$9 million lease at New Bedford commerce pier \(Vineyard Wind\)](#)

[After Mass. gas explosions, a race to replace nearly 45 miles of aging pipeline before winter sets in \(Washington Post\)](#)

### ***New Hampshire***

[NH Delegation Urges EPA to Level the Playing Field for Biomass Industry](#)

[Democratic lawmakers push renewable energy strategy \(Union Leader\)](#)

[Governor Cuomo Announces \\$40 Million to Support Solar Powered Storage Projects](#)

[Governor Cuomo Announces \\$173 Million to Modernize New York's Power Grid](#)

### ***Rhode Island***

[Raimondo, Congressional Delegation Unveil RIPTA's First Electric Buses](#)

[Rhode Island launches 400MW renewables RfP \(Windpower Monthly\)](#)

### ***Vermont***

[Agency of Natural Resources Seeks Proposals for Electric School and Transit Bus Pilot Program](#)

[UN's dire climate change report spurs action call by Vermont environmentalists](#)

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## ***Regional and Federal Updates***

[US DOE Secretary Perry visits Brookhaven National Lab in Upton, NY](#)

[HHS releases LIHEAP winter heating assistance funds to states](#)

[Vineyard Wind has a big selling point for its power: cheaper prices \(Boston Globe\)](#)

***Read more regional and federal news here.***

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## ***Northeast deploys relief to Hurricane damaged region***

Connecticut-based relief groups send help as hurricane hits Florida (*News 12 CT*)

More Red Cross volunteers from Conn. to help Hurricane Michael victims (*New Haven Register*)

Governor Baker Authorizes MEMA to Send Emergency Workers to Florida to Assist with Hurricane Michael Response & Recovery

Mass. sending three-person response team to Fla. to help with hurricane response (*Boston Globe*)

NY National Guard deploys Army and Air assets to support Hurricane Michael response (*Defense Visual Information Distribution Service*)



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**26th Annual U.S.-Canada Energy Trade and Technology Conference**  
New England - Canada Business Council  
Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 12:30 PM - Friday, November 2, 2018 at 1:30 PM (EDT)  
Boston, MA - [click here to register](#)

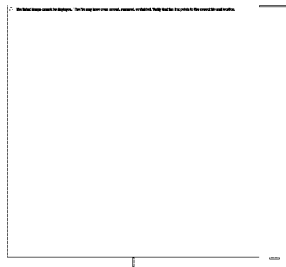
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***Did you know...***

100%: of airport shuttle buses at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will be converted to electric models.

Source: The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey



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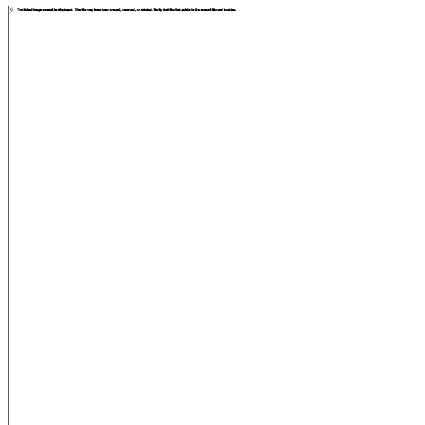
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